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policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

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Date: Mon, 07 Feb 94 01:39:39 EST  
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usenet.ins.cwru.edu!wariat.org!mystis!dan@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: Antenna Lawsuit  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

jherman@uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu (Jeff Herman) writes:

> In article <CKI61B.HI4@cscsun.rmc.edu> dtiller@cscsun.rmc.edu (Dave Tiller) w  
> >  
> >Actually radios in the hands of private citizens do pose a threat to  
> >governments run amok. They certainly don't provide the immediate protection  
> >a gun does, but they do serve to alert those in other localities or countrie  
> >as to what may be going on. Remember, that might be a \_state\_ government  
> >running amok - my radios could contact other state or federal authorities  
> >in such an emergency.

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> We notice when a country's government quickly changes power bases by force  
> their first mission is to disable ALL radio transmitters (an interesting  
> study is what the Khmer Rouge did upon taking over Cambodia back in 1975 -  
> amateur and government radios were immediately targeted so as to seal off  
> Cambodia from the rest of the world; you know the rest of the sad story...).  
>  
> Jeff NH6IL

Didn't they take old TV sets and beep the rest of the world?

You are slipping Jeff... :-)

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Date: Mon, 7 Feb 1994 10:39:40 GMT  
From: kittler@uni2a.unige.ch (Peter Kittler)  
Subject: Any other pirate "DX" bands...  
In article <1994Feb2.162319.2052@bay.cc.kcl.ac.uk>, zdap253@bay.cc.kcl.ac.uk  
(FREDRIK VANG) writes:  
> A question to those of us who do DX work on 26 & 27 MHz:  
> what's going to happen now that the MUF is falling as the number of  
> sunspots is on the decrease? I have heard rumours of activity on  
> 6.670 MHz, but have picked up nothing there. Does anybody know  
> of any other DX bands except the amateur bands and then those centered  
> around 26.285 MHz and 27.555 MHz?  
>  
> Fred, LF410.

Yes there is some other pirate activity on other non-ham bands:  
Here are some frequencies over Europe for 18:30 to 24:00 GMT:

On the 45 meter air/ground commercial band:  
6.615Mhz LSB Italian call frequency.  
6.660Mhz LSB French call frequency.  
6.670Mhz LSB German call frequency.  
6.680Mhz LSB Packet BBS all over Europe.

On the 90 meter band: around 3.3Mhz.  
I don't have any list...

Using this frequencies is illegal and dangerous because of the commercial and  
military traffic on the band.

All best. Peter.

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Well Gang, any comments?

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magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu!usenet.ins.cwru.edu!wariat.org!mystis!

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Subject: ARRL's Lifetime Amateur licenses

To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

jherman@uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu (Jeff Herman) writes:

> In article <andy.122.000D308B@wco.ftp.com> andy@wco.ftp.com (Andy Nourse) wri  
> >I was lucky to pass 13wpm the first time, I don't think I'll ever get that  
> >lucky again. It doesn't get any easier with age, and it doesn't get  
> >any easier with practice (any amount of practice) unless you have some  
> >aptitude for it in the first place.

> >

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> This is such nonsense - where do you people get your ideas from? Doesn't  
> get easier with practice? Oh boy! Even if you just spent a few minutes per  
> day it would get easier. Aptitude? Nuts. Every 2 weeks of the year the  
> Coast Guard Radioman School in Petaluma would take in a new group of  
> recruits for their 20 week course; 20 students per group. At the  
> end of the 20 weeks usually 18 of the 20 graduated at 22 WPM. An  
> hour per day was devoted to code (the rest of the day was filled  
> with procedure, radio theory, propagation, shipboard repairs,  
> voice/RTTY comms, distress comms, etc.) None of these Coasties  
> had any special aptitude for code. They just studied (unlike so  
> many of the 'want-it-without-having-to-work-for-it' people who post  
> on here). You can get ANYTHING you want with just study and practice.

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> Andy, how do you think you got to 13 wpm in the first place? Through  
> practice, of course. If practice didn't make it easier you'd still  
> be at 5wpm!

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> Vietnamese proverb: If you study you will become what you wish; if  
> you do not study you will never become anything.

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> Jeff NH6IL

Jeff, this personal assult really unwarented. OBVIOUSLY he had to study to pass the 13 WPM test. Maybe he just can't progress. How can you, without knowing anything about him, claim that he can he is just lazy. You have no idea WHY he can't, you just blast him as being to lazy to study.

And that with-out-having-to work-for-it bull. I know several people that can not distinguish a-n-m-i one from the other. How can you learn Morse if you can't tell t from e or a from n, m or i? Don't tell me there aren't, I know one. I have tested him myself. He can't.

Your Eliteist attitude is not helping your arguement. I will get my Extra by the current rules, simply because they are the current rules. However, I don't have to agree with them. And they are NOT RELEVANT to the purposes of the Service. Besides, just making someone 'work for it' is NOT A PURPOSE OF THE AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE. You STILL haven't shown how it meets the purposes of the service.

The arguement that some are not willing to work for it boils down to one simple statement. "I had to so you have to." Hazing. No matter how much you argue it does not meet the definition, it does. You argue the work ethic to death but never mention relevance. Or you argue the history of the service (again not a purpose). Or you argue getting thru when other signals can not (not true any more, other modes BEAT manual Morse). You argue the ease of building QRP CW rigs (again NOT a purpose). What PURPOSE is served by morse TESTING. NOT MORSE USE, MORSE TESTING?!

Increased testing levels, particularly in the area of RULES, as I have suggested, DOES meet the purposes. The tests, as I have said many times, are very lacking in the rules area. (I do not me what freq. is in what subband. Let's face it, if you don't know you will have a chart in the shack. I mean RULES! of operation.)

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usenet.ins.cwru.edu!wariat.org!mystis!dan@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: Exams are Trivial?  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

drt@world.std.com (David R Tucker) writes:

> Michael P. Deignan (md@maxcy2.maxcy.brown.edu) wrote:

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> : The mistake was that while the code requirement was dropped, the  
> : theory portion of the licensing structure was also "dumbed down" to  
> : meet the current education standards of the US population. This was  
> : where the mistake was made. The theory should have been beefed up,  
> : which would have provided no difficulty for these "highly technical"  
> : people the no-code license was supposed to attract.

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> Exactly! Having a no-code entry-level license with elements 2 and 3A  
> might be a good idea, but failing to require 3B for full privileges  
> above 30 MHz probably means that the Technician license currently has  
> the most privileges for the least demonstrated ability of any license  
> in the world. Surely those who are authorized to put up repeaters,  
> set up control links, and put out 1500 W PEP with linears they build  
> themselves ought to demonstrate a bit more theory than is tested in  
> 3A! 3B is not that tough - even that is pretty lenient. For those  
> things, 4A is a more reasonable requirement. We have given away the  
> store.

David,

1) Why then, is the addition of a mere 5 WPM code test make the above ok?

2) I agree in part, however as has been pointed out before the tests  
should be an ENTRANCE exam, not the FINAL.

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Subject: I just HAD to. WAS: The 10-meters band - No CW required ?

To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

jherman@uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu (Jeff Herman) writes:

> Oh my! Dan, don't get mad but I think you might not have built much  
> gear. These QRP CW xmtrs I put together can take days to assemble -

> collecting the parts, repeated calculations with various L&C choices,  
 > winding the coils (heck - I've been looking for something I can use  
 > as a 1/2 inch coil form for 2 days now). I keep hving to run up to  
 > the library to check the transistor manual as I 'discover' various  
 > x-sistors in these old TV sets.  
 > A SSB rig would be a killer to build from scratch; also, it needs  
 > specialized parts that one cannot fabricate. FM? What's that?  
 > Definitely, CW xmtrs are the easiest to build and require no  
 > special-hard-to-find components. Heck, one can even make their own  
 > key from a paper clip and two thumbtacks! It'd be very difficult  
 > to make a microphone, though.  
 >  
 > Oops - the cat just knocked over the soldering iron!

Kill it, that is my solution when my cat does that stuff. :-)

Jeff, it is great that you do that, however you still didn't answer my question. Why can't a person START building a SSB rig? Or is that more than you are willing to work for? If a person wants to put forth the EFFORT to build a SSB rig why not let them start there. Maybe we don't want to build stuff from old TV sets (that is not a purpose of amateur radio).

73, Jeff

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jherman@uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu (Jeff Herman) writes:

> I wondered where you've been, Dan! Now,  
 >  
 > In article <H4c5gc6w165w@mystis.wariat.org> dan@mystis.wariat.org (Dan Picker  
 >  
 > >>In some article from last week I worte:  
 > >> Hmmm, testing for gun ownership might be a very good idea.  
 > >  
 > >Ever hear of the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United  
 > >States of America? It's in a MINOR document called the

> >"BILL OF RIGHTS".  
> >  
>  
> I keep seeing reference to the 2nd Amendment and gun ownership. If you read  
> it you will see that all it does is guarantee each state the right to keep  
> an armed militia. Now, militia refers to citizen-soldiers; today we call  
> them a state's national guard ('weekend warriors' [I used to be one so it's  
> okay for me to that disliked term!]). No where does it guarantee private  
> gun ownership to those not in a militia.  
>  
> Now, back to the ongoing debate...

You are wrong Jeff. That is the typical Liberal misinterpretation of what was written. If you review the notes of the debates prior to the enactment of the bill of rights, you will see the intent was to apply to all citizens. And the National Guard/Reserve is the REGULATED militia, the UNREGULATED militia is all able bodied males between 18 and 35. (According to Mr. Webster that you quoted before.)

The second amendment reads;

'A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.' [emphs. added]

It states we need a militia, that being necessary, the right of the people to keep... It does not say the right of the militia. It says the PEOPLE! All the people! The debates of the time CLEARLY prove that was the intent.

Where in that sentence does it say that 'all it does is guarantee each state the right to keep an armed militia'? I don't see that in there ANYWHERE. Please quote the appropriate place. I mean it can't be that hard, it is ONLY ONE SENTANCE.

Is all your reading of rules and such that much in error? Could this be the reason you do not fully understand the argument against morse testing?

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In article <e6DJHc1w165w@mystis.wariat.org> dan@mystis.wariat.org (Dan Pickersgill N8PKV) writes:

>jherman@uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu (Jeff Herman) writes:

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>> >You are wrong Jeff.

Huh? Did I really tell myself that I was wrong? But I've never been wrong....  
so it was wrong of me to tell myself that I was wrong - but that means  
I was wrong... It good that 2 wrongs make a right.

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>> Luckily, those hams gathered here on usenet are only a small percentage  
>> of the ham community in our country and world-wide (come to think of it  
>> I don't recall any non-U.S. hams on here complaining about their country's  
>> code requirements!) so the vocal no-code group probably represents  
>> a tiny number of all hams.

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>Japan has more hams than the US in raw NUMBERS let alone per capita.

But Dan, I don't/didn't hear the Japanese hams complaining on here  
about the code prior to their codeless license class. This is something  
very unique to a very small % of U.S. internet hams.

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>73 pal, (hope it rains, you bum, probably \_only\_ 78 there?),

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We're having a lousy winter: low 80s daytime, mid 60s at night (brrrrrr).  
Oh: Hail stones fell yesterday in Waipahu! Imagine that - it's 80 degrees  
and hail is falling! The weather in the tropics is crazy sometimes. ``If  
you don't like the weather where your at, just cross the street - it'll be  
different'' (a tropical weather service quote)

Oh, latest project: the older sythesized cb radios contained a 10.140 mhz xtal -  
I just happen to have one so of course I need to build a xmtr for it. Oh boy!  
I'll finally be able to get on 30 meters. So if any of you need Hawaii  
for your WAS or county hunter (Oahu County) email me and we'll set  
up a sked.

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Jeffrey NH6IL jherman@hawaii.edu, who, in his spare time, cannibalizes  
old TV sets to make QRP transmitters (CW, of course).

Previously: WA6QIJ, WH6AEQ, NMO (U.S. Coast Guard Radio Honolulu: 500 kc CW)



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ez006683@chip.ucdavis.edu (Daniel D. Todd) writes:

> Jeff Herman (jherman@uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu) wrote:  
>  
> : [Shame on you Dianne! That one simple question ``Why?'' can lead to  
> : a rise of hundreds of folks' blood pressure for weeks on end!]  
>  
> Nice to know i'm not the only one wo screwed up the obscure .sig !  
> :-)  
>  
>  
> : Jeffrey NH6IL jherman@hawaii.edu  
>  
> Dan

Can't you guys see it is Robert, back again, hiding under a Handle?  
Like I treat all Lids/Jammers I now ignore him...

/kill

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Subject: Unbelievable: Pirates on air-to-ground frequencies  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

Gang,

Here's something I just found on rec.radio.cb you might be interested  
in reading. But remember that Dana says we shouldn't play hamster cop.  
A few gentle words and these guys will change their ways....

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Date: Thu, 10 Feb 1994 13:56:48 GMT  
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swrinde!sgiblab!brunix!maxcy2.maxcy.brown.edu!md@network.ucsd.edu  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

References <2j3hst\$7ek@sugar.NeoSoft.COM>, <RFM.94Feb7094022@urth.eng.sun.com>,  
<2j76gd\$jap@sugar.NeoSoft.COM>™  
Subject : Re: Just Robert baiting

In article <2j76gd\$jap@sugar.NeoSoft.COM>,  
xraytech@sugar.NeoSoft.COM (A great x ray technician!) writes:

|> Hummm....now who was it who posted twenty-two articles to USENET,  
|> whining about Morse code?

Do you have an amateur radio callsign? What is it? If not, why bother  
posting here?

MD

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